

Webster's Corners Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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Home of the
Wildcats



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MAY 2019

What an amazing performance by our students at the Spring Concert!! A big thank you to all of our students and staff for working so hard on the production of the Lion King. Special thanks to Mrs. Blom for the endless hours of work, practice and organization she put into the production. Most rewarding of all was the fact that putting on this event was truly a school-wide effort. Your children, besides performing in the event, made many of the sets, worked behind the scenes getting the students ready to perform as well as dealing with the technical side of things. Of course, we're extremely thankful to our PAC for running the concession stand. Thank you to all of you for donating so generously, which will allow us to continue with these kinds of presentations for next year.

In addition to the Spring Concert, we've been fortunate to have the Young Actor's Project return to our school for a third year. All divisions have been participating in the drama sessions and loving it! Track and Field rotations have been ongoing for the month of May, culminating in preparations for the District Track and Field meet in early June. May is also the month for public speaking. Our school competition was held in our school gym earlier this month, with the winners of the event representing our school at the district competition last week at Riverside Centre.

If that wasn't enough activity, we also competed in the Spring Cross Country last week. Thank you to Mrs. Yip, Ms. Shay and Mrs. Lilley for sponsoring the event. Overall, we had a tremendous turnout with 39 students participating in both the primary and intermediate events. Sprinkled in between these activities were the panorama school and class photos ending with a visit from the Garibaldi Music department. Our upper intermediate students were given a chance to try out various different musical instruments available at high school, should they be interested in taking music.

Finally, our PEAK group lessons are continuing for the month of May, with a focus on kindness, character and self-reflection. We will wrap up our year in PEAK by having a sundae celebration in the second week of June (with details to follow).

Mr. Mehrassa



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Kaitlyn F, Allison, Lexi B., Carter B.,
Sophia, Elisabeth S., Hunter, Adam, Lexi S.,
Shryna, Taeya, Callie, Sierra, Syd, Serenity,
Haven, Hailey, Hannah S., and Olivia

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students
who received ROARS at the May assembly:

Div. 1: Tristan B., Colton D., Logan M.,
Idriz, Chanel S., Rebecca S.

Div. 2: Cate M., Logan W., Furqan Z.

Div. 3: Augustus A., Reece D., Katie D.,
Taryn M., Harper R.

Div. 4: Nathan B., Adela O., Tanner W.

Div. 5: Shepard F., Gus K., Collin R.,
Oceanna T-S.

Div. 6: Addisyn M., Louis N., Grayson S.

Div. 7: Marcus A., Alina G., Taylor W.

Div. 8: Olivia D., Serenity F.

Div. 9: Lincoln P., Luca S.

Div.10: Asher A., Syd B., Kristi C., Reid H.
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Thank you to our parents for helping
make the fundraiser a success. With
your help, we were able to recoup
most the costs (\$900) of paying for the
rights of the Lion King. We are
forever grateful for your generosity.
Thank you also to our PAC for
running the concession stand. With
your donations, we were able to raise
\$700.

WEBSTER'S CORNERS ELEMENTARY ADDING NEW DAYCARE SPACE

We are pleased to announce a new daycare
will open at Webster's Corners Elementary
in September 2019. Maple Ridge-based
Little Willows Early Learning Childcare
Centre will operate the daycare, which will
provide morning and afternoon preschool
classes for children 3 to 4 years old, as well
as before- and after-school care.

The daycare at Webster's Corners will open
its doors in September and students enrolled
at Webster's and their siblings will be given
registration priority. Little Willows has
several childcare centres in Maple Ridge and
Mission and follows the Reggio Emilia
approach to preschool and primary education
with programming that revolves around the
interest and imagination of each child.

For more information about Little Willows
Early Learning Childcare Centre
(www.littlewillows.ca) or to register, please
contact Reaghan Gasparre at
reaghan@littlewillows.ca or call Reaghan at
604-787-7501.

ADVISING US OF ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS

**If your child is going to be absent or late
for any reason, please remember to
inform us via the portal or email the
school at wce_reception@sd42.ca.**

We have had a number of parents advising
only the teacher of absences – **please also
always advise the office of any absences as
the teacher may be away or out of the
classroom.** You may also phone in the
absence to 604-462-7595. An answering

machine is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week for your convenience.

If your child is not well enough to go outside at recess and lunch, he/she is probably not well enough to be at school (when children are sick, they should stay at home in order to get better and to stop the spread of germs).

ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies usually take place on Monday mornings at 10:45am. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend school assemblies; please watch for notification for upcoming assemblies. Our next assembly will be on Monday, June 17th.

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input to Mr. Mehrassa in writing by June 5, 2019. *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

FEB 27-June 26: Late Registration.

This phase is for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD

Grade 4 and 5 students will take part at the district meet on Thursday, June 6th. Grade 6 and 7 students will compete on Friday, June 7th. Please note that parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the track meet. Parents will be notified by the school if their child has met the standards to participate in the district track meet.



WEST COAST RECESS

At Webster's Corners, like other schools in the District, we have a West Coast recess. We feel it's important that our students play outside, get fresh air and plenty of exercise. Due to the often-wet conditions of our climate, it is important that children have a hooded jacket or umbrella and waterproof footwear. Please also ensure that your child has a complete change of clothes at school. Unless we experience an especially torrential downpour or very cold weather we will all be enjoying the outdoors at recess and lunch breaks.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Please go to www.iapkidsplus.com for information on student accident insurance.

B.C. TRAINING & EDUCATION SAVINGS GRANT

Did you know children born in 2009 or later can qualify for a \$1,200 grant when they are signed up for a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)? No RESP contribution is required. Visit the [British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant web page](#) for more information or email BCTESG@gov.bc.ca.



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**Ridge Meadows College
& First Aid Hero:
Riverside Centre**

RED CROSS BABYSITTING – WINTER 2019 FOR 11 YEARS OLD PLUS

So, you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Different from all other Babysitting courses! Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios. Active role-play! Interactive and fun! Covered in this course:

- Exploring the Business of Babysitting
- Creating Safe Environments
- Safely caring for ages 0-12
- First Aid Skills

Please bring a yoga mat, pen/pencil, medium sized stuffed animal or doll, lunch, snacks and water, *NO NUTS*.

COURSE DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE:

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

\$63/1 session

LOCATION:

Riverside Centre, 20575 Thorne Avenue,
Maple Ridge

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 7:45 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Phone: 604-466-6555 (Ext 203)

Email: rmc@sd42.ca

To register, please contact Ridge Meadows College

604-466-6555 (Extension 203) or email

RMC@sd42.ca

GRADE 7 STUDENTS –

Planning for this summer?

Grade 8 High School Options Summer 2019

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is offering three summer learning programs for all current Grade 7 students. Students can choose ONE of the following three program options:

- ***Program 1:** Robotics; Woodworking; Metal Shop (rotation)
- **Program 2:** Theatre Sports
- **Program 3:** Coding & Video Game Design

These programs will offer students an opportunity to build transferable life skills that will benefit them with their transition to high school and beyond.

Registration – Call Riverside Centre at 604-466-6555 for registration information.



K-6 students – Summer Learning July 2019

Mark your calendars! The *Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42)* is once again offering a summer learning opportunity for elementary aged students (Grades K-6) currently attending our schools.

Primary Focus Grades K-3 blended classes

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, and Technology

Intermediate Focus Grades 4-6 (blended)

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, Leadership

Registration : After May 17th parents will need to go to Riverside Centre to register.

International Student Program Fee:

\$400.00

(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to July 3, 2019)

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY:

May 1 to May 31 Full refund \$50.00
(\$30.00 placeholder + \$20 take home project)

June 1 to June 28 Partial refund \$30.00
(\$20 take home project fee retained – project supplies purchased)

July 3 to July 19 No refund – program not completed – all fees retained

Program information at a glance:

Locations:

East Zone – Yennadon Elem

West Zone: Edith McDermott Elem

Central Zone – Alouette Elem

French Imm: Laity View Elem

Dates: July 3 to July 19, 2019

Times: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Attendance is mandatory for these programs

Cost: \$50.00 (\$20 project fee + \$30 refundable placeholder fee upon program completion)

PAC NOTES

Our next PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11th at 8:45am in the library.

Please contact any of the PAC executive if you're interested in volunteering for the PAC in any capacity. You can connect with PAC members via the PAC Facebook page

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/524258654411658/\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/524258654411658/)

UPCOMING DATES:

May 22	Caring Place
May 22	Track & Field 1pm
May 23	Creative Kaos Art workshops
May 24	Creative Kaos Art workshops
May 24	Drama Workshops
May 24	Caring Place
May 24	Hot Lunch
May 27	Drama Workshops
May 27	PAC Pizza Lunch
May 28	Drama Workshops
May 29	Drama Workshops
May 29	Gr. 7 Highschool Day
May 29	Caring Place
May 29	Active Kids
May 30	Creative Kaos
May 30	Grade 6 Immunizations 10:30-12:00pm
May 30	Welcome to Kindergarten 12:30pm
May 31	Shoreline Cleanup – 10:30-1:00pm
June 4	Caricature Art - Grade 7s
June 4	FVRL Summer Reading Club for primary students
June 4	Emergency Drill
June 4	FVRL Library
June 5	Zajac Ranch outing for grade 7s
June 5	Caring Place
June 6	Track & Field – Grade 4 & 5 at MRSS
June 6	Primary Teddy Bear Picnic
June 7	Track & Field – Grade 6 & 7 at MRSS
June 7	Div. 6 Cliff Park
June 7	Caring Place

June 7	Lunch Lady
June 10	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 10:45am
June 11	PAC Meeting 8:45am
June 12	Parent / Staff Tea
June 13	PEAK Sundae Celebration at 1:00pm
June 14	Div. 6 Malcom Knapp Research
June 14	Caring Place
June 14	Lunch Lady
June 17	ROAR Assembly 10:45am
June 17	PAC Hot Lunch 11:45am
June 20	Cultus Lake Waterslides
June 21	Lunch Lady
June 25	Fun Day
June 26	Year End Assembly 8:45am
June 26	Last day for students – early dismissal at 12:00pm

The Redesigned Curriculum at *Webster's Corners*

INQUIRY LEARNING

Inquiry Learning is a process where students investigate and explore answers to questions. Inquiry questions provide a focus for learning the curricular content, encourage students to develop important skills when answering questions, and make learning more meaningful and relevant.

Inquiry questions provide a framework for teachers to more easily meet the needs of each student while allowing students to be more engaged in the content they are learning.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.

Coming in June – How do we assess and celebrate learning?



Primary students studying the local ecology at Cliff Park



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.



"Our vision is for every individual to feel valued and for all learners to reach their potential."

Family Self-Defense Night

All ages are welcome for this Family Self-Defense Night! Learn to defend yourself through this Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu-based self-defense class led by Jonathan Miller, a Renzo Gracie Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor who teaches After-School Programs at the school district. This is the perfect opportunity to get active with your family and learn empowering self-defense skills. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Everyone welcome!

Eric Langton Elementary
Tuesday, May 28
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Blue Mountain Elementary
Wednesday, May 29
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per person
To register: go to <http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com>
Contact: Drea Owen, Program Manager, Community Connections and Healthy Living
T. 604-346-9815 E. drea_owen@sd42.ca



Morning Event ➡➡➡➡➡

Evening Event

Sat. June 8th 9am – 1pm

BURNETT FELLOWSHIP

20639 123 AVE. MAPLE RIDGE

604-465-4418

For more info or to reserve your spot
www.burnettfellowship.com

STARFISH PACK FUNDRAISER



**Starfish Pack
Partners:**



FAMILY HOEDOWN

STARFISH PACKS FUNDRAISER

Sat. June 8th

6-9:30pm

\$5

Burnett Fellowship - 20639 123 Ave.



LEARN HOW TO SQUARE DANCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

PRIZES FOR BEST-DRESSED COWFOLKS

CHILI & BUN, HOTDOGS, DRINKS, CHIP & ICE CREAM BAR

Cost of food by donation. Our goal is to raise \$5,000

Donations of \$30 or more can get a tax receipt.

BUY TICKETS AT BURNETT FELLOWSHIP – 20639 123 AVE.

604-465-4418 – info@burnettfellowship.com



World Vision

GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER

Saturday, June 15th, 2019

worldvision6k.ca/mapleridge

